

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Volunteer Advocate Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Title III of Older Americans Act

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 04-56-PAS

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The purpose of this grant is to provide advocacy functions necessary to maintain the health, safety & welfare of elderly (60) years of age or older, residents who reside in long-term care facilities throughout the state; to promote their civil and human rights; to promote linkages with appropriate service providers and to facilitate conflict resolution on behalf of clients who are unable or unwilling to advocate for themselves.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Approximately \$90,000 should be available in FFY 2004 to fund (3) awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$30,000. Awards will begin on January 1, 2004 (for a 12 month period). Funding estimates may vary and are subject to the Annual Appropriation Act. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made based on satisfactory progress & availability of funds. Applicants currently receiving grants for this activity and have performed satisfactorily will be given first priority for continued funding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Local Government agencies, private & public non-profit agencies and community-based agencies. Preference will be given to current recipients of grants.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Agencies applying for Title VII funds must be public agencies or private non-profit (501C3).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Contact the Office of the Ombudsman (see below)
2. Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for specific programs services will be issued on or about August 1, 2003.
3. Submit Letter of Intent on or about August 1, 2003 to Office of the Ombudsman with brief description of proposed project in accordance with RFP guidelines.
4. Prepare Grant Application.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Letter of Intent due to funding program by November 1, 2003 for January 1, 2004 grants. Applicants will be notified 30 days prior to start date of grant.
